



Metro Water Conservation Utilizing MnTAP Interns, Contract 141007 Amendment No. 5



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Industrial/Commercial Water Use

- Approximately 125 Million Gallons per Day (MGD) in metro area
- Cost savings (water, sewer, heating) are a major driver for efficiency
- Environmental stewardship is important
- Businesses are eager to save water/money, but busy...



MnTAP/ Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES) Partnership Overview

- Since 2012, MCES provided funding to support college summer interns focusing on water efficiency
- Through 2021, we have:
 - Funded 40 summer interns
 - Saved over 240 million gallons/year
 - Saved over \$1.75 million/year



Training the Next Generation

- *“The MnTAP internship was a great opportunity to learn and practice skills not taught in my curriculum, such as communication, project management, and economic reasoning. I am super thankful for this experience.”*



15 More Interns in 2023 - 2025

- Recruit companies
- Develop and scope projects
- Select companies/projects
- Finalize company agreements
- Hire, train, and supervise student interns
- Coordinate a student public presentation
- Publish project Executive Summaries in Solutions



Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 5 to Contract 14I007 with Minnesota Technical Assistance Program (MnTAP) at University of Minnesota to extend contract until December 31, 2025 and to increase the contract in an amount not to exceed \$315,500 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,062,500.